

**Waddell School  
Governance Council  
Date: January 7, 2016  
Time 6:30 pm Location Library**

**Members Present**

Parents	Waddell Staff	Community Members
Nicole Farnham	Nancy Casey	Kurt Stefnovicz
Tracy Maio	Kim Leining	
Deb Nodleman	Terry Doherty	
Melanie Stefanovicz	Janice Medynsky	
Allison Peek	Renee Bryan	
	Kim Loveland	

**Members Absent :** Karen Taylor, Jessica Carter, Jerry Bidwell

**Approval of previous minutes:**

November First minutes were approved with addition of Deb Nodleman .

Motion Melanie Stefanovicz Second Terry Doherty

Guest Speaker Dr Scott Ratchford from Manchester Public Schools Office of Community and Family Partnership to present on School Compacts.

A School Compact is a working agreement between parents and school.  
Title Schools are required to have compacts

Older compacts have a more “ compliant” feel to them ....using verbage like you will... versus an agreement. An agreement should really be built upon RESPECT and COMMUNICATION and be MUTUAL. These tenants should be the driving force behind your compact.

The current district philosophy is geared toward building compacts that are “ living” documents versus compliance documents

The document should include

- school goals
- district mission
- district improvement plan

the compact will be utilized to educate parents about common core, curriculum, social thinking curriculum, school goals, and as a tool to evaluate school improvement plan. It could be handed out at open houses, conference, to new students

### **STAY with in these 3 questions**

**Grade level expectations?**

**How can I support my child at home?**

**Where can I get help if I need it?**

Dr Ratchford's office is able to offer our SGC support through our process. Samples were shared.

### **Next Steps**

Reach out to each grade level to determine how they wish to establish grade level expectations. This can be done through PLCs or with Coaches. - Kim will reach out to staff  
At our next meeting will take that info and look at District plan, SIP and have working meeting.

### **BUDGET**

Tabled from last meeting.

\$53 per pupil

The \$15 for LA and Math is utilized for district wide programs ( i.e. words their way, envisions)  
Social Thinking money will be utilized for items that support the curriculum

There is \$300 set aside per teacher for classroom beautification and traditions

Main office covers pencils etc....

Art, Gym, Music, Lib all have a department budget which additional funds them

STEM does not have additional funding which accounts for why it is higher than other specials

Next Meeting 2/11 6:30

